

REMARKS

The Office Action dated June 19, 2007 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7-13, 16, 19, and 21-24, are amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention. New claims 25-27 are added. No new matter is added. Claims 1-27 are respectfully submitted for consideration.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent Publication No. 2002/0036983 to Widegren et al. (Widegren). Applicants submit that Widegren fails to disclose or suggest all of the features recited in any of the pending claims.

Claim 1, from which claims 2-12 depend, is directed to a method for establishing sessions in a network. A session establishing request is received at a network control node. A policy request message is forwarded from the network control node to each network node of a plurality of network nodes storing subscriber specific information which comprise policy information required for the session to be established. The policy request message is processed to generate a policy decision message and sending the policy decision message to the network control node from each of the network nodes having received the policy request message. A single policy decision confirmation

message is generated, based on the received policy decision messages in the network control node. The single policy decision message is sent to the user entity.

Claims 13, from which claims 14-24 depend, is directed to a system for establishing sessions in a network that includes a user entity, a network control node, and a plurality of network nodes configured to store subscriber specific information. The network control node includes a receiving unit configured to receive a session establishing request, and to forward a policy request message to each network node of the plurality of network nodes storing subscriber specific information comprising policy information required for the session to be established. The nodes storing subscriber specific information, include a processing unit configured to process the policy request message, generate a policy decision message, and send the policy decision message to the network control node. The network control node includes a generating unit configured to generate a single policy decision confirmation message based on the received policy decision messages, and to send the single policy decision message to the user entity.

Applicants submit that each of the pending claims recites features that are neither disclosed nor suggested in any of the cited references.

Widegren is directed to a method of filtering and gating data flow in a QoS connection between a remote host and user equipment in a packet data network using policy control mechanisms includes a remote host initiating an application in an application server and a corresponding session between the remote host and the user equipment ("UE") via the application server. The UE requests, to a gateway support node

("GGSN") of the network, establishment of a network bearer service between the UE and the remote host (see paragraph [0128]). A corresponding policy control function ("PCF") in a policy server receives from the application server, filtering data derived from session data received by the application server during the session. The GGSN interrogates the corresponding PCF in the policy server to initialize a gate using policy control filtering data at the GGSN. (See paragraphs [0131]-[0133]). The gate then filters the data flow in the QoS connection according to the policy control filtering data.

Applicants respectfully submit that Widegren fails to disclose or suggest at least the feature of "generating a single policy decision confirmation message based on the received policy decision messages in the network control node", as recited in claim 1 and similarly recited in claim 13. The Office Action alleged that this feature is disclosed in paragraphs [0128], [0130] and [0131].

However, Applicants respectfully submit that Widegren is silent with regards to generating a single policy decision confirmation message based on the received policy decision messages. In other words, Widegren does not describe that the GGSN (or any other entity) generates a single policy decision confirmation message. In Widegren, after the GGSN accepts or rejects the bearer establishment, the GGSN does not generate a single policy decision confirmation message.

Still further, it follows that Widegren fails to disclose or suggest the feature of "sending the single policy decision message to the user entity," as recited in claims 1 and 13. The "gate open command" described in Widegren (which is not a single policy

decision message) is not forwarded to the user entity. Instead, this command is sent from the PCF to the GGSN and merely allows data to flow from the user equipment to enter the network. See paragraph [0132]. Thus, Applicants submit that Widegren fails to disclose or suggest all of the features of claims 1 and 13.

Applicants further submit that because claims 2-12 and 14-24 depend from claims 1 and 13, these claims are allowable at least for the same reasons as claims 1 and 13, as well as for the additional features recited in these dependent claims.

Based at least on the above, Applicants respectfully submit that Widegren fails to disclose or suggest all of the features recited in claims 1-24. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) is respectfully requested.


As stated above, new claims 25-27 are added. Applicants submit that each of claims 25-27 recites features that are neither disclosed nor suggested in Widegren.

Applicants respectfully submit that each of claims 1-27 recites features that are neither disclosed nor suggested in Widegren. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that each of claims 1-27 be allowed, and this application passed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

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